# We Care!

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*A Newspaper for Servicemen*

**THIS NATION UNDER GOD**

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## LETTERS THAT CARE

We have printed several letters in this edition of "We Care" — letters written by people who *care*. The following letter was written to one of you in Nam. It was so good we decided to give all of you a chance to read it.

Independence Day, 1971
"The World"

Dear Pete,

Mary and I were delighted to get your letter and to learn that you enjoyed the cookies. I would have replied sooner but your letter arrived just as we were leaving for a 4 day vacation at Corona Del Mar. In case you aren't familiar with the geography around here, it is a small beach town a few miles south of Los Angeles where we like to go for our "R & R" to get away from the smog, insurance business and the never-ending horticultural battle of "Porter's Port" where the weeds seem to have us out numbered.

It sounds as though you have an interesting, but not exactly enjoyable, job. It's easy to see where a box of cookies would taste mighty good after a diet of rice, fish and the rats. Ugh! I'm sure that in China (1945-46) I no doubt ate a few things it's probably just as well I didn't know the true nature of but I don't think I ever ate rat. Of course I didn't worry as much about such things in those days. I do know I was eating water buffalo in our mess hall for a month before I found out it wasn't just tough cuts of beef. It wasn't bad at all.

Your thoughts on the war are interesting to us but I'm afraid we cannot agree with you that it is not "our" war. With U.S. combat casualties since 1961 listed as over 45,000 killed, 300,000 wounded and 1,600 missing or captured it is impossible for us to accept the fact that it is a "South Vietnamese" war. At the very least you could call it a North Vietnamese war against the South, but it is not even that. It is only part of the world-wide Communist war to enslave the free-world into a "One World" government. If you care to get even more technical even Communism is just the visible tool of a world-wide group of conspirators (represented by the Council On Foreign Relations — the CFR — in the United States) seeking to accomplish this aim. For want of a better term, we usually refer to this gang as "The Insiders". If you would really like to read some documented facts about this situation, let us know and we'll be happy to send you some information I'll bet you never saw in Look, Life or The Stars and Stripes.

I can agree with you, Pete, that we have given the Communists plenty of propaganda to use against us but I can hardly agree that it was our "blind effort to make it our war and to win" that gave them the propaganda. As an officer I know you don't for one minute believe that we couldn't have WON the war years ago without excessive loss of American or South Vietnamese lives simply by making Haiphong Harbor unusuable (blockade, bombing — your choice) and by bombing strategic, not tactical, targets in North Vietnam. In short, how many lives could have been saved by shortening the war a few years simply by denying the enemy the ability to wage war?

Of course we could also destroy this ability to wage war by another method. We could stop all trade with, and aid to, the Communist block of nations and those of our "so-called" friendly nations who trade with them. Of course, trading with Communists while Communists are killing Americans in a "no-win" war is just one of the follies foisted off on the American people by the "Insiders". In WW-2 it wouldn't have been called a "Folly", it would have been called by it's real name, Treason!

Maybe you've heard all this before, Pete, maybe not. If you want to write again, I'll be glad to go into the situation further. You may never agree with me but all I know is *that my heart aches to see the cream of our American youth sent half a world away to* die in a war they are not allowed to win.

I do not write to discourage you by a situation that seems irreversible. For there is hope and we can beat the "Insiders" and keep freedom alive in the world. I don't mean by military conquest, although when we enter a war we should fight to WIN, but all it will take is enough people to understand the nature of the conspiracy and the conspiracy will fail. No conspiracy can succeed when it's details become known.

Well, Pete, by now you either think I'm a "Kook" or I've given you something to

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## WASHINGTON, D.C. VICTORY MARCH

JUANITA AHLSTEDT, mother of a Vietnam veteran, flew to Washington, D.C. as a representative of MOTHERS OF SERVICEMEN to march with thousands of patriotic Americans in a Victory March on May 8, the day before Mothers Day. Here is the message she gave from the platform:

THE ORGANIZATION, "MOTHERS OF SERVICEMEN," SUPPORTS YOUR VICTORY MARCH — WE ALSO WANT VICTORY!

WE WANT VICTORY SO OUR P.O.W.'S WILL BE RETURNED—NOT LEFT BEHIND AS IN KOREA.

WE WANT VICTORY SO OUR SERVICEMEN LEFT IN VIETNAM WILL NOT BE SLAUGHTERED AS THEY WITHDRAW.

WE WANT VICTORY SO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WILL NOT HAVE TO LIVE UNDER COMMUNISM.

WE ARE OPPOSED TO NUREMBURG-TYPE TRIALS WHERE OUR MEN ARE COURT-MARTIALED FOR SO-CALLED "BATTLEFIELD CRIMES" WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR ORDERS.

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"WE CARE" WINS AWARD — Mrs. Walter W. Koenig, center, of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge administrative council, presents identical plaques to Mary Sutherland, left, and Bea Ziegler, right, co-editors of "We Care", following a luncheon at the War Memorial Building in South Pasadena, Calif. A third plaque was inscribed to the newspaper for servicemen, "We Care". (Picture by Major Gae Faillace, who was photographer for General Douglas MacArthur.)

# LETTERS FROM VIETNAM . . .

To ALL of YOU over in Nam,

We receive many letters—and try to answer them. (You are like our own sons.) We love your letters. They give us such pleasure. And once in a while you send us a poem.

Dear Moms:

I thank all of you mothers for the wonderful job that you are doing and with my deep appreciation I dedicate this poem to you.

You all have hearts of gold;
Your thoughts and doings come directly from your soul.
Your cards, papers and letters are so very grand;
To us lonely boys over in this forsaken land.
You know how to treat us and that we all know;
We get boxes, packages and that tickles us so.
You stand behind us and holler and cheer;
We keep on fighting and hoping to be back in a year.
We don't like hippies and yippies or what they stand for and do;
We the boys of Uncle Sam in good old red, white and blue.
The people and their love-ins, they really don't understand;
How we boys feel over here in Vietnam.

In closing I want to say, "God bless all you sweet mothers every single day."

Bob

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Dear Mothers,

I have been receiving mail from you for about 3 months. At first I thought it was kind of a joke but now I know it isn't and do appreciate what you ladies are doing for us over here. Even my friends are beginning to read the news letters you send. Thanks a lot for the cookies and the care you give us.

God bless, Brad

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Dear Mothers,

I don't know exactly how to begin this letter, so I'll start by saying I didn't know there were still people like you in the world. The cookies were very good. I could tell by the way the guys ate them up.

I'd just like to say that I'd like to hear from you again and if there's anyway that I could help you with your work, just let me know—whether it's over here or when I get home.

May God be with you, Larry

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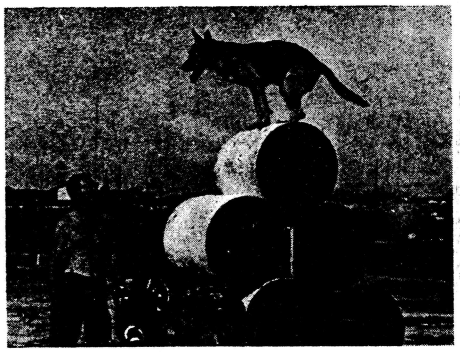
Dear Ladies,

My office recently received from you in behalf of the Halfway House at Tuy Hoa two cans of cookies. Having snitched a sample I can report that they are delicious.

We very much appreciate your remembering this sad group of young men who have been trapped in a horrible addiction. They are often castigated but few seem to care about them. I know that they are glad that you care, and your caring is an aid in their successful "rehabilitation" for so many of them feel that no one anywhere loves or cares about them. In helping these addicts find themselves, you are not only helping us in our task of rehabilitating those who need help so much but you are helping our country by aiding in the reduction of the number of active addicts being introduced into the U.S. from Vietnam with all the ensuing problems of drug addiction.

Once again, on behalf of everyone concerned, thank you for the delicious cookies and, more importantly, your expression of care and concern. God bless you.

Sincerely, Timothy A. Eastling



SP/4 DAN TUPPER AND HIS SCOUT DOG, PRINCE — Soon after this picture was taken, Dan and his platoon were out on patrol, Prince had gone ahead. Dan called him back but Prince didn't come. Sensing that something was wrong, Dan started backing down the path to warn the others. Just then Prince stepped on a mine and the waiting Cong opened up. But Prince in giving his life had alerted the men in time. Many other G.I.'s owe their lives to their brave scout dogs.

Dear Ladies:

I want you to know that I as an American Soldier in Vietnam serving my country want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. All the Servicemen over here should write to you and THANK YOU also. I saw a poster the other day at the USO. That is where I first found out about your help to our troops over here.

DRUGS are a problem over here. Civil Rights are a problem too. But with people like MOTHERS OF SERVICEMEN to aid us, we can't go wrong.

Thank YOU ladies once again. You, in what you are doing, are helping the serviceman more than all the Protesters in the World can do.

In closing I would like to say continue your work for our servicemen and you will be rewarded by a hundred fold.

Sincerely, a son and husband, Kenneth

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Dear Mothers of Servicemen,

I read the newspaper, "We Care!", that a friend had. I enjoyed it very much, and would like to be put on the mailing list.

My friend told me that you sent a box of homemade cookies to the men on your mailing list. I thought there weren't that many people that cared about a G.I. in Vietnam, because most of the people in the States are very indifferent about the situation over here.

It really makes me feel better to know that there are still people like you that care. Sincerely, Sp/5 Robert Crowell

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Dear Mothers,

Thank you for the huge can of cookies and candies which I received this day. I was most surprised and very overjoyed.

On opening the package, it felt like Christmas morning to see the many assorted and great variety of cookies. I had to show everyone around me what I received from someone who doesn't know me as an individual but still in their hearts they think of me and care.

Thank you all again for caring as the load seems much lighter now.

Love, Sgt. Bravo

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*Quotes from Some Letters*

This is one of the greatest organizations I've ever heard of. Thanks for the cookies.

Larry Green

Some day I will come to your office and thank you all for the cookies, books, magazines, pamphlets and newspapers you all sent me when I was in Vietnam.

Your friend, Eddie Tuck

Hello. I am a Serviceman in Thailand. We're not killing anybody but we still would like some cookies. Please!!

Paul J. Pizzo

Sorry about leaving off my social security number in my last letter. I will be sure to put it on this one. I'm looking forward to more copies of "We Care!" and the box of cookies. Thank you and may God bless you all, James.

8 MEN AND A TREE (ALMOST!) Beginning with the top row, l. to r., Willie, Nick, Mike H., Stu, Mike R., Bill, Walt and Toby (low man on the totem pole). The tree is just below Stu. Toby wrote, "As you can see, we were trying our best to have a Merry Christmas. We did too!"

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"The people are the rightful masters of both Congresses and Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." Abraham Lincoln